(b) if so, the terms of the collaboration; and

(c) what it the annual yield of opium and poppy during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 and the estimate for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Under the agreement signed between India and the US is June, 2000, the US Government has offered a project assistance of US $ 70,000 for conducting a Joint Licit Opium Poppy Survey (JLOPS) to develop a methodology for estimating opium gum yield. The life of the project is planned to be approximately 18 months or two opium poppy growing seasons. The aim of the study is to develop an accurate estimate of potential licit opium yield in the country.

(c) Annual yields of opium during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 at 70 C have been 334 MT, 1382 MT and 1674 MT (Provisional) respectively. The crop for the year 2000-2001 is still to be sown.

Funds for improving the yield of cotton

3298. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of Agriculture be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount proposed to be spent towards improving the yield of cotton in the country; and

(b) the amount which has to be provided to Karnataka to double the yield of cotton during 2000- 2001?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) An amount of Rs.5326.58 lakhs has been allocated as Central Share for the current financial year, namely 2000-2001 for improving the yield of cotton in the country.

(b) The amount allocated to be State Government of Karnataka for the current year is Rs.466.59 lakhs.

Use of atomic energy for peaceful purpose

3299. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the areas where atomic energy has been used for peaceful purpose in the country so far;